SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO INVENTORY ALL OPEN CONTRACTS SINCE 2010 TO THE PRESENT FOR ALL STATE AGENCIES AND ASSIST THE AGENCIES WITH CLOSING AND RESOLVING ANY DISPUTES.

WHEREAS, the State and its agencies award contracts to private entities for all scopes of work, including consulting, development, and personal services; and

WHEREAS, it is not uncommon for there to be change orders, which affect the scope of work and alter the original contract amount and completion date; and

WHEREAS, this has resulted in projects remaining open as well as private entities not receiving payments; and

WHEREAS, for the private contractor, this jeopardizes the private contractor's bonding limit and cash flow, as bond limits are capped; if the State does not close out the contract via payments, the private contractors are limited from pursuing other projects; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, that the Department of Accounting and General Services is requested to inventory all open contracts since 2010 to the present for all state agencies and assist the agencies with closing and resolving any disputes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in assisting state agencies with closing and resolving any disputes, the Department of Accounting and General Services is requested to identify the reason a contract was open, in an effort to help the parties avoid a similar problem in the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in assisting state agencies with closing and resolving any disputes, the Department of

Accounting and General Services is requested to notify the state agencies if a private contractor will be receiving payment or not; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller.